

## **Amendments to the Specification**

1. Please replace page 1, heading to line 9 with the following:

~~A POWER TONG~~**POWER TONG**

### **Reference to Pending Applications**

This application claims the benefit of PCT/NO04/00355, filed November 19, 2004, which claimed the benefit of Norway Application No. 20035234, filed November 25, 2003.

### **Background of the Invention**

This invention regards a power tong. More particularly, it regards a power tong without a radial opening, the power tong being particularly well suited for use during installation of piping when drilling in the ground, such as is known from e.g. petroleum production. The tong has a swivel coupling surrounding the tong for transferring pressurized fluid from ~~on~~ an external source of pressurized fluid to the tong when the tong rotates about the longitudinal axis of the pipe.

2. Please replace page 2, lines 14 to 22 with the following:

The object is achieved in accordance with the invention, by the characteristics stated in the description below and in the following claims.

### **Brief Summary of the Invention**

According to the invention the power tong is provided with an undivided drive ring enclosing the vertical central axis of the drilling centre. The drive ring has been given a relatively large inner diameter so as to allow movement of e.g. drilling tools having a considerably larger

outer diameter than the pipe string, through the power tong.

3. Please replace page 4, lines 20–26 with the following:

The structure is compact and does not require a lot of space in the longitudinal direction of the pipe string. It is well suited for building in cleaning and lubricating equipment for the pipe thread.

#### **Description of the Drawings**

The following describes a non-limiting example of a preferred embodiment illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

4. Please replace page 5, lines 13–14, with the following:

Figure 7 is a schematic representation of the drilling fluid collecting device.

#### **Detailed Description of the Invention**

5. Please replace page 7, lines 16–21, with the following:

The back-up tong 4 comprises a back-up tong housing 74 with guides 76 that correspond with the guide columns 10, and a retainer ring 46 ~~77~~ for two groups of clamps (not shown in this drawing). At the guides 76 there are two cogwheels 78 that mesh with respective pitch racks 80 of the guide columns 10, see ~~figures 1 and 2~~ figure 5.